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PUTNAM COUNTY HERALD

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE

XLIV.—UTAH



THE first white excursion into Utah dates back to 1540 when a party of Spaniards sent out by Coronado succeeded in penetrating to the Colorado river. There is no authentic record of further explorations until over 200 years had elapsed. In 1776 two Franciscan friars, in their attempt to find the shortest way to the Pacific, went from Santa Fe to Utah Lake. The Great Salt Lake, however, was not discovered until 1824, when James Bridges, a trapper, in wandering through this region came upon this huge, inland, salt sea.

But the real history of Utah begins with the rise of Mormon power there. Discouraged by the agitation in Illinois and Missouri, the Mormons decided to emigrate to the great West. In large caravans they traveled across the plains and in 1847 came to Salt Lake City where they settled. Here they flourished, increasing their numbers and by 1852 they reached a total in this vicinity of over 15,000. Meanwhile, in 1848, by the terms of the treaty of peace with Mexico, a huge western tract, of which Utah was a part, was ceded to the United States. As no definite government was arranged for the control of affairs locally was for a number of years entirely in the hands of the officers of the Mormon church. They, accordingly, made up a constitution and organized under the name of the State of Deseret. This is a word taken from the Book of Mormon, and signifies, "Industry." Application was made for admission to the Union, but this was refused and the federal government instead organized the Territory of Utah in 1850. The first governor was Brigham Young, the successor of Joseph Smith and president of the Mormon church.

The attempt to do away with polygamy met with little success until in 1890 the Mormon church finally agreed not to countenance it. Meanwhile, growing antagonism between the Mormons and non-Mormons verged nearly on civil war. Finally a general amnesty was declared and after many requests Utah was accepted as the forty-fifth state of the Union in 1896.

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PAYS TO FATTEN POULTRY

Many Tennessee farmers are learning that it pays to fatten poultry for the market, just as it pays to finish hogs and cattle. Heavy feeding and close confinement for two or three weeks does finish and weight, thereby increasing the price per pound and the number of pounds. The poultry specialist, Division of Extension, has found an excellent fattening ration to consist of 2 parts finely ground cornmeal and 2 parts wheat shorts, moistened with buttermilk or sour milk to a mortar-like consistency. All the birds will eat it fed three times daily. It is not uncommon for a good, husky bird weighing 1½ to 2 pounds to add three quarters of a pound, or 35 percent of its original weight, in two or three weeks. If the birds are thrifty, 3½ lbs. of this feed will add a pound of weight. The maximum gain can usually be obtained in 15 to 20 days. The birds should be marketed as soon as their appetite begins to wane. If the mixture is properly saturated with buttermilk or sour milk, no water need be given. With present feed prices, fattening young birds by intensive feeding should be profitable. Heretofore, the produce men have been finishing them after obtaining them from farmers. There is no reason why this cannot be done by the producer instead of the middleman.

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To Our Friends:—

We wish to thank you for the interest manifested in the welfare of the patients of this Hospital during the past year, and as Christmas season approaches we again submit our appeal to the friends of the institution, according to our custom in the past.

A great many of these unfortunate people seemingly have no relatives or friends who are interested in them. We hope the public will not forget them this year.

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CROP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Nashville, Dec. 7:—Final estimates of crop reporters of the Department of Agriculture, just compiled by Commissioner of Agriculture T. F. Peck, fix the yield of corn in Tennessee at 28 bushels per acre, which would make the total yield in the State about 90,000,000 bushels, based on an acreage of about 3,200,000.

While the yield is good, there is general complaint in many sections of the State about the quality. There has been considerable damage from dry rot, and this coupled with the low price of corn which the producer is receiving—40 to 50 cents a bushel is discouraging to the farmers.

The production of cotton, according to final estimates, was slightly over 500 pounds average to the acre. The figures show 811 pounds of seed cotton, which would be between one-third and half a bale to the acre. Cotton picking has been finished, and much of the staple has already reached the market.

Tobacco averages 780 pounds to the acre, but there was a considerably decreased acreage. The quality of the weed is reported good, and good prices are being realized, according to reports from Montgomery, Robertson, Weakley, Greene and other tobacco producing counties.

Reports from correspondents indicate an increased acreage this year is wheat, and a gold stand is reported from most counties where it is a staple crop.

Later reports from counties reduced the yield of sweet and Irish potatoes from the estimates made last month. There was an increase in the acreage of sweet potatoes, and more care is being shown in their cultivation to avoid the diseases so common to that plant. The average production per acre of sweet potatoes figures, according to the correspondents, about 93 bushels to the acre, and of Irish potatoes about 66.

The counties in which peanuts are grown for the market report fairly good yields, and there is also reported a good yield of broomcorn.

Some counties report extra good yields of stock peas, and the percentage of millet seed threshed is reported good.

Young clover and grasses are reported in generally good condition, and there has been good pasturage during the fall months, which has meant a large saving to farmers in feedstuffs.

Livestock is reported in good condition in practically all sections of the State. There is very little hog cholera. Farmers report fewer hogs on hand than at any time for several years. There is general complaint about the prices received for cattle and hogs.

Averages compiled from the reports received from the county correspondents show the following conditions.

Wheat acreage sown to Nov. 20, 79 per cent. Winter oats, acreage sown, 72 per cent. Rye, acreage sown, 80 per cent. Corn, yield per acre, 28 bushels. Cotton, yield per acre, seed 811 pounds. Millet seed threshed, 69 per cent. Stock peas, seed threshed, 68 per cent. Sweet potatoes, yield per acre, 93 bushels. Late Irish potatoes, yield per acre, 66 bushels. Tobacco, yield per acre, pounds, 780. Broom corn, yield per acre, 72 per cent. Peanuts, yield per acre, per cent, 78. Livestock, condition, 88 per cent.

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XLV.—OKLAHOMA



OKLAHOMA holds the record for rapid growth. It was in the first term of President Benjamin Harrison that Oklahoma was opened up. Good farm land available under the Homestead Act was difficult to find so the United States bought from the Indians, who had been segregated in Indian territory, a large tract of some 40,000 square miles that had been used largely by the Indians as pasture for their cattle and horses. This was called Oklahoma, a word meaning "fine country," and was arranged to be ready for sale to homesteaders at 12 o'clock noon of April 22, 1889. Troops were placed on guard to prevent any settlers entering before that time for more than 100,000 "boomers" as they were called, came from all over the country to obtain farms or places for business. On the stroke of the hour, bugles sounded and the mad rush by men, women and children to locate claims began. The government had arranged land officers at many places at which claims could be filed for the farms or city lots, and all that day these were besieged by fighting mobs to register their selections. Before nightfall hundreds of farms were staked out and Oklahoma City and Guthrie were well on their way to become cities.

Thus was developed this region which came into the possession of the United States as a part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and which was set aside for so many years as Indian country. Previous to the formation of Oklahoma territory, congress had forbidden white settlers in this part of the country, and this edict was enforced by federal troops. As the demand for more land was felt and as the Indians decreased in numbers, Indian territory was added to Oklahoma territory, and in 1907 it was admitted to the Union as the State of Oklahoma, adding another star to our flag, which for eleven years had contained forty-five. The state has flourished to such an extent that it has ten presidential electors, which is more than double that of many of the older states of larger size.

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SHORT COURSE FOR HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

The annual short course in Highway Engineering at the University of Tennessee will be held from January 9 to February 17. The work has been developed to satisfy the needs for road builders in Tennessee and the adjoining states. This course has grown from small beginnings to such a size that there is no question that it is satisfying a great need. The course lasts for six weeks and during this period instruction is given for beginners and experienced highway engineers.

A special course in Highway Maintenance is offered during the fifth week. In this work a patrolman will be given specific instruction in the problems of road maintenance. Not only will he be given class room work, but he will be given special practice on the roads near Knoxville. The outside lectures this year are exceptionally good. Engineers from the Tennessee Department of Highways, Engineers of the Bureau of public roads and engineers from the materials associations will give a series of lectures on Highway Location, Construction and Maintenance. These lectures have become a very attractive feature of the short course. The lectures are given by men who are specialists in particular phases of road building, and this gives the student an opportunity to come into direct contact with men who are counted authorities in all phases of highway work.

In addition to the work in Highway Engineering a special course in Motor Mechanics is offered to persons who desire to learn how to repair and operate motor vehicles. This course is especially adapted to men who are in state and county employ and who are taking care of motor equipment owned by highway organizations. County officials are invited to send such mechanics to the University for this training. It is believed that such training will amply repay in the better care that will be given motor equipment when the student returns to his regular job.

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